

CFSR Round 3 Data Indicators

Category	Measure Title	Measure Description	Denominator	Numerator	National Standard	Notes
Safety	Maltreatment in foster care	Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization per day of foster care?	Of children in foster care during a 12-month period, the total number of days these children were in foster care as of the end of the 12-month period (AFCARS).	Of children in the denominator, the total number of substantiated or indicated reports of maltreatment (by any perpetrator) during a foster care episode within the 12-month period (NCANDS, AFCARS).	≤ 8.50	We include this indicator to measure whether the state child welfare agency ensures that children do not experience abuse or neglect while in the state's foster care system. The indicator holds states accountable for keeping children safe from harm while under the responsibility of the state, no matter who perpetrates the maltreatment while the child is in foster care.
Safety	Recurrence of maltreatment	Of all who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report during a 12-month reporting period, what percent were victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report?	The number of children with at least one substantiated or indicated maltreatment report in a 12-month period (NCANDS).	The number of children in the denominator who had another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report (NCANDS).	$\leq 9.1\%$	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency was successful in preventing subsequent maltreatment of a child if the child was the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment.
Permanency	Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care	Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what percent are discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care?	The number of children who enter foster care in a 12-month period (AFCARS).	The number of children in the denominator who are discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care (AFCARS).	$\geq 40.5\%$	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency reunifies or places children in safe and permanent homes as soon as possible after removal.
Permanency	Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 12 to 23 months	Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in foster care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percent discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the period?	The number of children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in foster care in that episode between 12 and 23 months (AFCARS).	The number of children in the denominator who discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months of the first day (AFCARS).	$\geq 43.6\%$	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency reunifies or places children in safe and permanent homes timely if permanency was not achieved in the first 12 to 23 months of foster care.

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Permanency	Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 24 months or longer	Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12 month period who had been in foster care (in that episode) for 24 months or more, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?	The number of children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in foster care in that episode for 24 months or more (AFCARS).	The number of children in the denominator who are discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months of the first day (AFCARS).	$\geq 30.3\%$	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency continues to ensure permanency for children who have been in foster care for longer periods of time.
Permanency	Re-entry into foster care in 12 months	Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period who discharged within 12 months to re-unification, live with relative, or guardianship, what percent re-entered foster care within 12 months of their discharge?	The number of children who entered foster care in a 12-month period who discharged within 12 months to reunification, living with a relative, or guardianship (AFCARS).	The number of children in the denominator who re-entered foster care within 12 months of their discharge from foster care (AFCARS).	$\leq 8.3\%$	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency's programs and practice are effective in supporting reunification and other permanency goals so that children do not return to foster care.
Permanency	Placement Stability	Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what is the rate of placement moves per day of foster care?	Among children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, the total number of days these children were in foster care as of the end of the 12-month period (AFCARS).	Among children in the denominator, the total number of placement moves during the 12-month period (AFCARS).	≤ 4.12	We include this indicator to measure whether the agency ensures that children who the agency removes from their homes experience stability while they are in foster care.

On October 10, 2014, ACF published a document in the Federal Register (79 FR 61241). The document provided CB's final plan to replace the data outcome measures used to determine a state's substantial conformity with titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act through the Federal CFSRs. On May 13, 2015, ACF published a correction to this Final Rule in the Federal Register (80 FR 27263). More information can be found on the Federal Register's website at <https://www.federalregister.gov>, or the Federal CFSR Portal at <https://www.cfsrportal.org>.

Concurrent with the final public notice, the CB issued CFSR Technical Bulletin #8, which provides additional technical information and discussion relevant to the statewide data indicators, national standards, and states' performance on them. The technical bulletin is available on the CB's website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>.